Extra **Wellesley College News** Extra

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

To the Wellesley College News:

When a college president violates all rules of parliamentary procedure in a mass meeting, she owes the meeting an apologetic explanation. I am particularly eager to make it in view of my desire to confirm the statement in the NEWS that the purpose of today's mass meeting had my endorsement though some of the people who heard my comment during the meeting might find that hard to believe.

May I first of all go on record as approving thoroughly the action of the Government in reference to refugee resettlement? May I next explain that my hesitation about pledging myself to support "any efforts at permanent settlement" grows out of my hesitation about agreeing to action which is still undefined? May I next apologize to our thoroughly competent presiding officer for speaking out of order? My comment should have been made before the motion was put. My failure to make it then grew out of an impression that someone else was going to say it, and that was an unjustified impression on my part.

It was, I fear, discourteous to make it out of turn. For that I apologize. My reason for wanting it said, however, is that I am intensely eager to have the College stand for far-seeing critical judgment. It does not seem to me a wise procedure for thoughtful people to pledge themselves on the basis of one excellent presentation of a situation without at least taking time to think through the implications of their action. Had the meeting been convened to vote upon a resolution previously circulated, I should have considered it wholly appropriate to act upon it. The Service Fund motion was one which is a reaffirmation of an established policy on which I had no hesitation about expressing myself because I can personally follow up my commitment with increased gifts.

It is a source of profound satisfaction to me that the Wellesley College community should be so responsive to the needs of suffering humanity that such a large and interested group could gather to consider action. If I disagree with the procedure, it is not for one instant because I disagree with the purpose, and there is to my mind no reason why the President of the College should be considered infallible in reference to procedure. She certainly hopes that her inexcusably poor parliamentary procedure will not set an example for future reference!

The action has now been taken. The Wellesley College community has gone on record as a group concerned with the world situation and of that fact I am sincerely proud. If any of us have pledged ourselves to something we do not clearly understand, surely the only thing to do is to study it carefully to be able to fulfill our pledge. The principle of sympathy, interest, and concern for the welfare of refugees is of course one with which there can be no dispute. I am thoroughly glad that the College Government has helped us all to reaffirm that principle.

Mildred H. McAfee

New Story Corrects Printed News Story

Never has it been so true as today that "things aren't always what they seem," that "the best laid plans—," that "there's many a slip" 'twixt the day we write up events and the day the paper comes out. It is traditional that in a newspaper office there is what is called "the once a year chance." This was ours and we missed it.

Miss Russell had intended to make her resolution but had no time.

Miss Sharfman added her extra resolution because of the exigencies of the moment.

Miss Hayes' statement differed from the resolution which she had submitted to the paper prior to publication.

This is what happened. Wellesley students gathered in the Chapel early this morning, November 23, to determine Wellesley's policy in regard to Germany's ruthless persecution of Jewish minorities. Anna Tiebout '39 presided at the 8 o'clock meeting Miss Margaret Ball of the Department of Political Science summarized for her college audience the actions which are being taken by various countries to relieve the refugee situation.

Elinor Hayes '40 rose and made the following suggestion: "I propose the resolution that we pledge ourselves to support the policy of the United States Government in protesting action against persecution of the minorities in Germany, and we urge full co-operation with all efforts to provide permanent homes for them." After asking for discussion, which was not forthcoming, Miss Tiebout requested a standing vote of the assembly. The resolution was accepted by the majority. Questioned by a member of the audience as to whether the statement implied a policy of actual co-operation with other colleges, the Chairman replied that she believed the college authorities wished at this time only a statement of general policy.

Miss McAfee asked whether the passage of the resolution committed the college to approval of all future as well as past actions of the government. In reply, Miss Tiebout stated that the emphasis was on our support of past actions and showed our general approval of future continuation of these policies.

Norma Sharfman '39 then rose and said, "I propose that we make this apply more to Wellesley College, and pledge to support the Wellesley College Service Fund in giving material support to refugees."

It was explaind that Service Fund is competent to back up this suggestion. The resolution was then adopted and the meeting adjourned. No proposal was made to send an account of the Wellesley action to Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

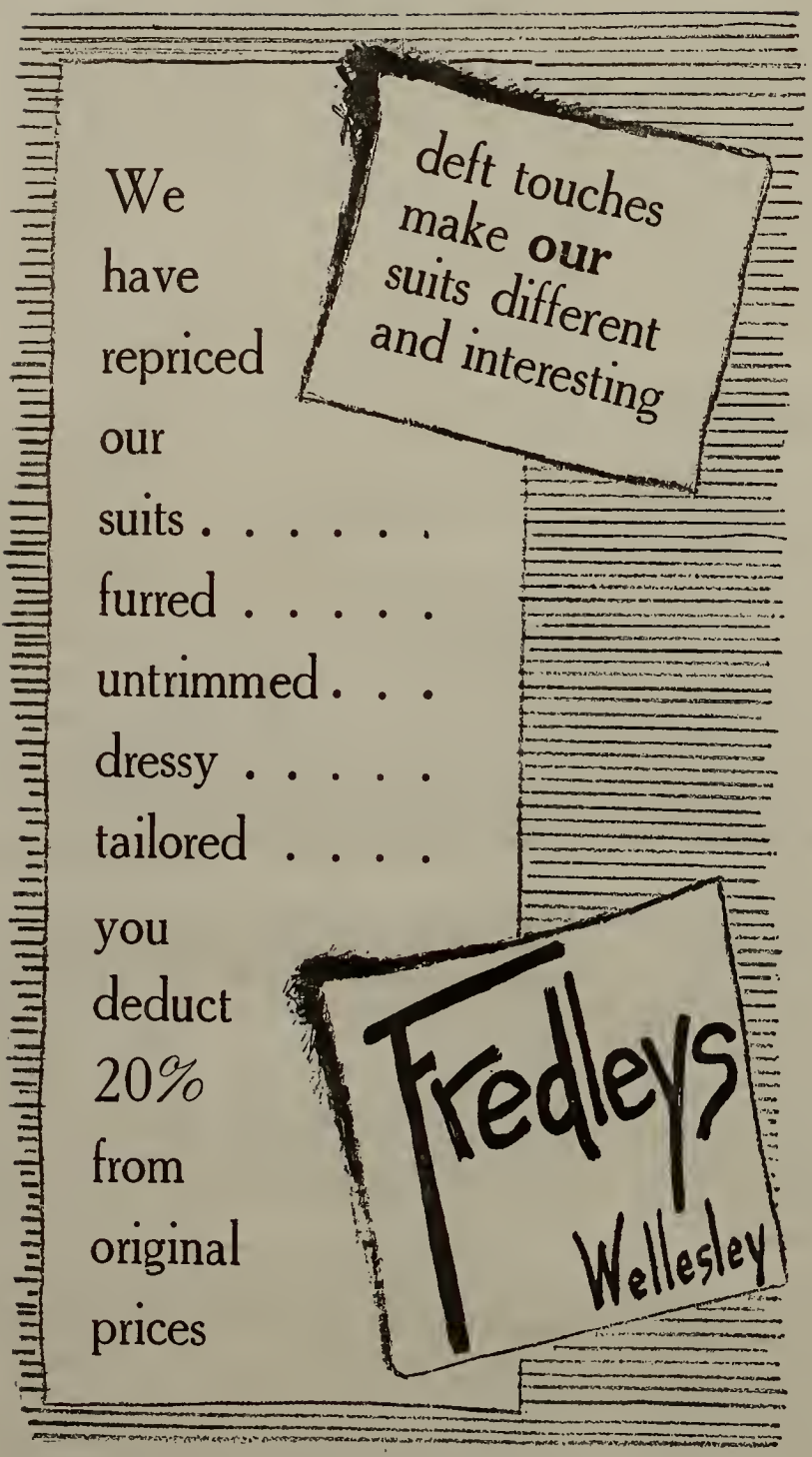
FROM SERVICE FUND

To the Wellesley College News:

Various questions have been raised as to what the Service Fund organization can be expected to do with reference to the Jewish refugee problem. Final allocation of the funds will not be made before January. In the meanwhile, any additional contributions for this cause will be gladly received by Service Fund. These may be sent through resident mail, or put in the Service Fund box opposite room 140, or into the Sunday collection.

Any extra contributions intended specifically for this cause should be so designated. The committee hopes very much that it will be possible to make a generous appropriation for emergency relief for Jewish refugees along with our other contributions for emergencies.

Margaret Taylor
Faculty Chairman of Service Fund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